

Miss Cartwright's weekly message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all children after a, hopefully, restful half term. It has been wonderful to see the children's smiling faces this week.



This week in Early Years children have planted their 'magic beans' which were delivered in a special package. This links with their class text of Jack and the Beanstalk which they are currently immersing themselves in. Next week the children will be planting other seeds to see if any grow! Hopefully it will reach the sky just like in the story.



Year 1 have begun a new geography unit looking at seasons. The children have been keeping a diary of the weather each day, exploring the temperature and whether it is raining, sunny, cloudy, windy or a mixture of all!

This will link with their geography in Summer 1 where they learn about Tanzania and compare their weather to the weather here in the UK. Miss Roberts is especially excited about this as she recently visited Tanzania so is looking forward to sharing her experiences with the children.

Year 2 have flown to Mexico this week! To kick start their new geography unit the children had boarding passes and 'flew' all the way over the Atlantic Ocean to Mexico. What an adventure! The class are all really excited to learn more about this location.

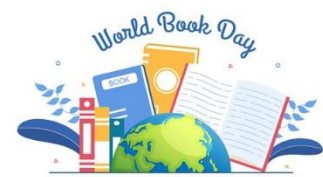
Year 3 have started their new writing this week. Their model text is a portal story linked with C.S Lewis's book The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Throughout the unit the children will explore their own imaginary worlds, or worlds they know from their reading to create their own portal stories. I look forward to reading them.

Year 4 have begun their new writing unit all about discussing who Edward Tulane should live with! Edward Tulane is the main character in their current class reading book. Edward is a toy rabbit made out of china who has some very interesting thoughts. In the book Edward gets lost and meets many people along the way. At the end of their unit, the children will be deciding, by writing a discussion text, who Edward should eventually live with. Let's see if the children agree with what happens at the end of the book!

Year 5 have explored the Moon this week. They have learned about life as an astronaut including what they eat and what food they would be able to enjoy. On Friday the children visited a planetarium and were able to immerse themselves in our solar system. We look forward to sharing some photographs of this next week.

Year 6 have started their new reading book The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas which is linked with their history unit of World War 2. The children have shown such maturity while discussing such a sensitive topic, beginning with a timeline of world conflicts. They will learn more about the Blitz and life in Britain during this time.

A reminder that on Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. As an academy, we will be having a range of book themed activities and story sharing events through the day. We ask that children dress as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas. If children wish to bring their favourite book into school to share on the day too, they are more than welcome to. On 6th March, we look forward to welcoming Conrad, our patron author into school again to work with the children.



We have a new and exciting House Games coming up that will also link to World Book Day. This year we hope to have an Easter Potato competition. Children will have the opportunity to decorate a potato either as something linked to Easter, or as one of their favourite characters from a book or film. Children will be able to do this at home, as well as school, and we hope parents can also enjoy this with them. More information will be given for this in due course.

Our building work is coming along nicely and I know many of you have seen this if you have been able to attend this week's reading morning. The children are all fascinated by this and looking forward to the changes. Children from Years 1-6 have been entering the school via Key Stage 1 incredibly maturely and very sensibly. We look forward to seeing the works develop as time goes on.

Miss S Cartwright

<u>PUPIL OF THE WEEK</u>	
CATERPILLARS	Roseann S
BUTTERFLIES	Heidi S
PANDAS	Ella B
TIGERS	Sakina C
GAZELLES	Jude R
ELEPHANTS	Jake D
PENGUINS	Neo M
SNOW LEOPARDS	Ella May H

<u>Attendance</u>	
CATERPILLARS	90%
BUTTERFLIES	99%
PANDAS	93.3%
TIGERS	86.3%
GAZELLES	95.7%
ELEPHANTS	98.5%
PENGUINS	96.7%
SNOW LEOPARDS	93.1%

<u>HOUSE POINTS</u>			
WHARF	SWALE	DERWENT	AIRE
188	214	172	186



Key dates for your diary

SCHOOL EVENTS SPRING TERM:

04.03.24 Women's history month begins
06.03.24 Author Conrad visits
07.03.24 World Book Day
11.03.24 British Science week
08.03.24 House games potatoes go home to children
WC 18.03.24 : Easter potato decoration judging
25.03.24 Holi Festival (during the Easter holiday but we will celebrate in the final week of term)

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT AUTUMN TERM:

WC 28.02.24 MTC workshop for Year 4 parents
WC 11.03.24 family work exhibition

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